

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 18, 2009 has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 12, 14 – 17, 19 – 22 and 24 – 31 are pending. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 14 – 17, 19, and 31 in order to clarify and to further point out, with particularity the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has added Claims 35 – 40 by this Amendment. Consequently, the claims under consideration are believed to include Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 12, 14 – 17, 19 – 22 and 24 – 40.

Claim Rejections under § 112, second paragraph

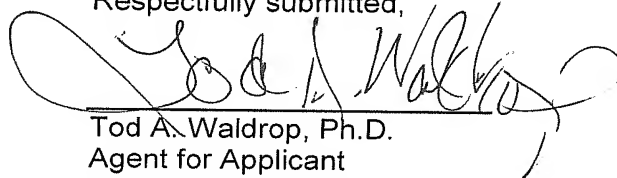
Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 12, 14 – 17, 19 – 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 14 – 17, 19, and 31 to clarify the metes and bounds of the invention as suggested by the Office. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully contended that the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, rejections have been overcome. In consequence, Applicant courteously solicits reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 03-2060 \$3,023.00 for the 10 independent claims over 3 (\$2,200) and the 16 dependent claims over 20 (\$832). The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the present Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, please contact the Agent for Applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tod A. Waldrop', is written over a horizontal line.

Tod A. Waldrop, Ph.D.
Agent for Applicant
Registration No. 56,260

(CUSTOMER NUMBER 25,255)
CLARIANT CORPORATION
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT
4000 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC 28205
Phone (704) 331-7732
Fax (704) 331-7707